

The Academic Plan is a semester-by-semester plan for the full-time student. Part-time students should work with an advisor to customize the map to fit individual needs.

ACADEMIC PLAN		NOTES
Summer 1st Year (Prerequisites)	Cr Hrs	Semester 1
BIO211 Anatomy & Physiology I OR PTA100 Anatomy & Physiology I for Physical Therapist Assistants	4-5	
ENG101 English Composition I	3	
COL100 Introduction to College: Strategies for Success	1-3	
Total Hours	8-11	
Fall 1st Year		Semester 2
BIO212 Anatomy & Physiology II OR PTA105 Anatomy & Physiology II for Physical Therapist Assistants	4	
PSY101 General Psychology	3	
MTH110 Introductory Algebra OR MTH121 Technical Math OR higher	3	
CIS125 Computer Concepts and Apps (By exam or coursework)	1-3	
PTA110 Introduction to Physical Therapy	4	
Total Hours	15-17	
Spring 1st Year		Semester 3
PSY205 Lifespan Human Development	3	
COM100 Fundamentals of Communication	3	
PTA112 Kinesiology	2	
PTA114 PTA Tests and Measures	2	
PTA116 Principles of Therapeutic Exercise	2	
PTA120 PTA Principles and Procedures I	3	
Total Hours	15	
Summer 2nd Year		Semester 4
BIO245 Pathophysiology	3	
PTA130 Professional Conduct and Communication	2	
PTA140 Neuromotor Development	2	
PTA150 Clinical Experience I	2	
Total Hours	9	
Fall 2nd Year		Semester 5
PSC102 US&MO Gov't OR HST103 US History I	3	
PTA210 Physical Agents	3	
PTA220 PTA Principles and Procedures II	3	
PTA240 PTA Principles and Procedures III	3	
PTA245 Pathological Implications in Rehabilitation	2	
PTA250 Clinical Experience II	2	
Total Hours	16	
Spring 2nd Year		Semester 6
PTA260 PTA Principles and Procedures IV	3	
PTA270 PTA Seminar	2	
PTA280 Clinical Experience III	4	
PTA285 Clinical Experience IV	4	
Total Hours	13	

Program Description: The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program at Jefferson College offers students a means to achieve a degree in a rapidly growing and highly sought after health care field. Students accepted into the PTA Program will complete courses in rehabilitation theory, laboratory practice, and clinical experiences in the community, all of which will prepare the student to work in any variety of healthcare settings under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist. After graduation, students are eligible to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination to achieve the licensure required to work as a PTA.

Admission Requirements:

- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Completion of Anatomy & Physiology I with a grade of “B” or better within the last 5 years
- Completion of English Composition I OR II with a grade of “B” or better
- Completion of the Work Keys Assessment, with a minimum score of **4** in the three sections: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information
- Completion of a minimum of 16 hours of observation with a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in **two** different types of settings
- Completion of an onsite interview and essay
- Completion of a PTA Program Application and payment of the application fee

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Employment Outlook/Median Salary*:

Career	Degree Level Required	** Growth	Median Salary/ Salary Range
Physical Therapist Assistant	Associate’s Degree	30%	\$56, 610 \$34,640-79,040 <i>Pay depends on setting type, setting location, and years of experience</i>

*Employment information based on current Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook.

**Projected % of change in employment 2016-2026; the average for all health occupations is 18%.

Jefferson College Program Highlights:

The PTA Program at Jefferson College received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education in the spring of 2014. Since achieving accreditation, fifty of our fifty four graduates of the PTA Program (93%), have passed the national licensure exam. In addition, 96% of those graduates who have passed the licensure exam have gained employment and are working as physical therapist assistants in a variety of healthcare settings to include skilled nursing facilities, home health care, outpatient clinics, acute care hospitals, and pediatrics.

Transfer Information:

Currently, the PTA Program at Jefferson College has two articulation agreements with Missouri Baptist University for a Bachelor’s of Science (BS) in Applied Healthcare Management and a BS in Exercise Science. The PTA Program also has articulation agreements with Maryville University for a BS in Healthcare Practice Management and with Central Methodist University for a BS in Health Science.

PTA Program specific coursework does NOT transfer toward required coursework for a Doctorate degree in Physical Therapy.